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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: RECOGNITION QUESTION AND CURRENT DEVELOP-
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REF: A. STATE 265503

B. PRETORIA 4283

1. WE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS
(LE BRUN) NOVEMBER 10 ON ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS AND BASED OUR
DISCUSSION ON REFTEL A.

2. RECOGNITION QUESTION - LE BRUN SAID THAT BELGIUM WOULD
RECOGNIZE ONLY A "VIALE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION", NOT
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MPLA GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT OF ANY ONE FACTION. COORDINATED

EC-9 POLICY IS TO RECOGNIZE ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL ON NOVEMBER 11 BUT NOT ANY GOVERNMENT. OUR CONVERSATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY TELEPHONE CALL FROM FRENCH EMBASSY RE ANGOLA, AND AFTERWARDS LE BRUN SAID THAT ALL EC-9 IN STEP ON ISSUE EXCEPT THAT FRANCE "AS USUAL" WISHED TO PUT OWN UNIQUE GALLIC STAMP ON HER ACTION. HE DID NOT ELABORATE. LE BRUN READ EXCEPTS OF DRAFT M.F.A. DECLARATION TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW. EXCERPTS CONVEY GOOD WISHES OF BELGIAN "PEOPLE" TO ANGOLAN "PEOPLE" AND CONTAIN AMPLE HORTATORY LANGUAGE ABOUT "PEACE" AND "PROGRESS". LE BRUN SAID BELGIUM PLANS TO KEEP CONSULATE GENERAL IN LUANDA OPEN UNDER DIRECTION OF OFFICER-IN-CHARGE RATHER THAN CONSUL GENERAL.

3. ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION-LE BRUN, AN OLD CONGO HAND, SEES LONG, PROTRACTED CIVIL WAR BEFORE VIABLE GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED IN ANGOLA. HE VIEWS MPLA AS RAPIDLY USING UP SOVIET-SUPPLIED ARMAMENT, AND ADDED THAT HIS SOURCES REPORT THREE RATHER THAN TWO ZAIRE BATTALIONS SUPPORTING FNLA FORCES NORTH OF LUANDA (PRETORIA 4283). HE EXPECTS ZAIRE INVOLVEMENT IN CONFLICT- BOTH IN ANGOLA AND CABINDA-TO BE STEPPED UP MARKEDLY AFTER NOVEMBER 25. THAT IS DATE OF 10-YEAR CELEBRATION OF MOBUTU GOVERNMENT AND MAJORITY OF ZAIRE ARMED FORCES, WITH LATEST EQUIPMENT, NEEDED FOR PARADE IN KINSHASA. AFTER THAT EVENT, LE BRUN SEES SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT OF THESE FORCES (WITH THEIR PRO-FNLA NORTH KOREAN ADVISORS) IN ANGOLA AND CABINDA.

4. LE BRUN SAID THAT HIS SOURCES REPORT THAT PORTUGUESE ARMY RETIRED FROM LUANDA AIRPORT NOVEMBER 8 AND THAT MPLA CURRENTLY FIRING INDISCRIMINATELY AT ALL AIRCRAFT APPROACHING FIELD.
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